# ST. MARY PARISH

Moderately affected by both hurricanes, St. Mary residents are concerned with storm protection issues. They support rebuilding in safer areas, but are split on whether residents should be allowed to return to their original home sites.

## WHEN WILL WE RETURN?

Safer than before 45%

32% Same level of safety as before

23% Move back now

WE TREASURE...



#### **Effects of Katrina and Rita**

St. Mary was one of the moderately affected parishes in Louisiana. Storm surge flooding was identified by parish residents as the principal

## **PARISH TOP PRIORITIES:**

- #1 Build better levees & other hurricane protection
- #2 Improve the schools
- Attract new businesses to the area
- Devise a workable evacuation plan

# such as G. W. Hamilton School and Charenton Park.

...our history, culture and historical sites

### **WE STRONGLY AGREE**

- 96% Changing our parish plans is an option if it makes the region stronger.
- **91%** Public buildings should not be built in high-risk areas
- **71%** Some places are too risky to rebuild
- 64% We should prioritize flood protection over other needs

#### **SPLIT DECISIONS**



**57%** Zoning and land-use plans should be used to quide rebuilding



